

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2699
OFFERED BY MS. ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the
following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Peace Corps Volunteer
3 Service Improvement Act of 2011”.

**4 SEC. 2. CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS OF RAPE OR SEX-
5 UAL ASSAULT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Peace Corps
7 shall establish and maintain policies and procedures that
8 clearly establish a process for volunteers to make confiden-
9 tial reports of rape or sexual assault.

10 (b) PENALTY.—Any Peace Corps volunteer or staff
11 member who is responsible for maintaining confidentiality
12 under subsection (a) and who breaches such duty shall be
13 subject to disciplinary action, including termination, and
14 in the case of a staff member, ineligibility for re-employ-
15 ment with the Peace Corps.

16 (c) INCLUSION.—In this Act, Peace Corps volunteers
17 includes trainees and Peace Corps staff members include
18 any employee, contractor, expert, consultant, or Foreign

1 Service national employed or contracted by the Peace
2 Corps, whether in the United States or in a foreign coun-
3 try.

4 **SEC. 3. SAFETY AND SECURITY AGREEMENT REGARDING**
5 **PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN**
6 **FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than six months after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the
9 Peace Corps shall consult with the Assistant Secretary of
10 State for Diplomatic Security and enter into a memo-
11 randum of understanding that specifies the duties and ob-
12 ligations of the Peace Corps and the Bureau of Diplomatic
13 Security of the Department of State with respect to the
14 protection of Peace Corps volunteers and staff members
15 serving in foreign countries, including with respect to in-
16 vestigations of safety and security incidents and crimes
17 committed against such volunteers and staff members.

18 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—

19 (1) REVIEW.—The Inspector General of the
20 Peace Corps shall review the memorandum of under-
21 standing described in subsection (a) and be afforded
22 the opportunity to recommend changes that advance
23 the safety and security of Peace Corps volunteers be-
24 fore its entry into force.

1 (2) REPORT.—The Director of the Peace Corps
2 shall consider the recommendations of the Inspector
3 General of the Peace Corps regarding the memo-
4 randum of understanding described in subsection
5 (a). If the Director enters into such memorandum
6 without implementing a recommendation of the In-
7 spector General, the Director shall submit to the In-
8 spector General a written explanation relating there-
9 to.

10 (c) FAILURE TO MEET DEADLINE.—If, by the date
11 that is six months after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, the Director of the Peace Corps is unable to obtain
13 agreement with the Assistant Secretary of State for Diplo-
14 matic Security and certification by the Inspector General
15 of the Peace Corps, the Director shall submit to the Com-
16 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
18 a report explaining the reasons for such failure and a cer-
19 tification that substantial steps are being taken towards
20 concluding an agreement, together with a description of
21 those steps.

22 **SEC. 4. INDEPENDENCE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF**
23 **THE PEACE CORPS.**

24 The limitations specified in section 7(a)(2)(A) of the
25 Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2506(a)(2)(A)) on the length

1 of appointment or assignment under section 7(a)(2) of
2 such Act, section 7(a)(2)(B) of such Act on reappointment
3 or reassignment of an individual whose appointment or as-
4 signment under section 7(a)(2) of such Act has been ter-
5 minated, and section 7(a)(5) of such Act on the cir-
6 cumstances under which an appointment or assignment
7 under section 7(a)(2) of such Act may exceed five years
8 shall not apply to—

9 (1) the Inspector General of the Peace Corps;

10 and

11 (2) officers and employees of the Office of the
12 Inspector General of the Peace Corps.

13 **SEC. 5. SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORTS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter
16 for the next six years, the Director of the Peace Corps
17 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
19 Relations of the Senate a report on the safety of Peace
20 Corps volunteers. Each such report shall at a minimum
21 include the following information:

22 (1) The incidence of crimes, together with the
23 number of arrests, prosecutions, and incarcerations
24 for every country in which volunteers serve for the
25 preceding year.

1 (2) A three year trend analysis of the types and
2 frequency of crimes committed against volunteers for
3 every country in which the Peace Corps has operated
4 for at least the three preceding years.

5 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT.—Not later than
6 two years after the date of the enactment of this section
7 and at least once every five years thereafter (or more fre-
8 quently as appropriate), the Inspector General of the
9 Peace Corps shall perform an audit of Peace Corps imple-
10 mentation of safety and security protocols, including the
11 status of any Inspector General findings and recommenda-
12 tions from previous audits that have not been adequately
13 remediated or implemented.

14 (c) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON ANNUAL RE-
15 PORTS.—The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
16 of Representatives shall, not later than 60 days after re-
17 ceipt of the report referred to in subsection (a), hold a
18 hearing on the contents of the report.

19 **SEC. 6. PORTFOLIO REVIEWS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—At least four times during the
21 first seven years after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act, the Director of the Peace Corps shall perform port-
23 folio reviews to evaluate the allocation and delivery of re-
24 sources across the countries the Peace Corps serves or is
25 considering for service. Such portfolio reviews shall, at a

1 minimum, include the following with respect to each such
2 country:

3 (1) An evaluation of the country's commitment
4 to the Peace Corps program.

5 (2) An analysis of the safety and security of
6 volunteers.

7 (3) An evaluation of the country's need for as-
8 sistance.

9 (4) An analysis of country program costs.

10 (5) An evaluation of the effectiveness of man-
11 agement of each post within a country.

12 (6) An evaluation of the country's congruence
13 with the Peace Corps' mission and strategic prior-
14 ities.

15 (b) REPORT.—The Director of the Peace Corps shall
16 prepare a report on each portfolio review required under
17 subsection (a). Each such report shall discuss performance
18 measures and sources of data used (such as project status
19 reports, volunteer surveys, impact studies, reports of In-
20 spector General of the Peace Corps, and any relevant ex-
21 ternal sources) in making such review's findings and con-
22 clusions. The Director shall make each such report avail-
23 able upon request to the Chairman and Ranking Member
24 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of

1 the Senate in a manner consistent with the protection of
2 classified information if determined necessary to protect
3 sensitive information.

4 **SEC. 7 COST OFFSETS AND REPORTING REFORM.**

5 The following provisions of law are repealed:

- 6 (1) Section 807 of Public Law 98–164 .
7 (2) Section 560(g) of Public Law 103–87.
8 (3) Section 104 of Public Law 102–511.
9 (4) Section 704(c) of Public Law 101–179.

